

**WASHINGTON** - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell, a member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, today wrote Federal Aviation Administrator J. Randolph Babbitt following reports that a child was allowed to direct air traffic at JFK International Airport in New York City. [Source: [The Associated Press](#), March 3, 2010]

*Below is the text of Congressman Mitchell's letter to FAA Administrator Babbitt:*

March 3, 2010

Dear Administrator Babbitt:

I am seriously disturbed by reports this morning of a child directing air traffic at JFK International Airport in New York City.

To say this is outrageous would be an understatement.

I am also concerned that it has taken two weeks for this incident to come to light.

Directing air traffic is serious business. Lives depend upon it. This is totally unacceptable, and I am eager to know what you are doing to rectify this, and ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Mitchell  
Member of Congress